

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of: YAMAJI, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3679

Serial No.: 09/437,296

Examiner: DUNWOODY, Aaron M.

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For: FLUID COUPLING



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002, extended to March 16, 2003 by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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AMEND claim 1 to read as follows:

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Sub A > 1. (Amended) A fluid coupling comprising:

first and second coupling members having respective gasket holding annular ridges on butting end faces thereof; and

B an annular gasket interposed between two coupling members,